

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 926 - SB 782

March 18, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the clerk of the court to send a copy of each judgement document for all felony convictions to the Department of Correction at least once monthly.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005851): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands the definition of “recidivism” as it relates to certain Department of Correction (DOC) grants. Defines an eligible grant program participant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-323(a), DOC is required to make four grants in the amount of \$250,000 each to local county sheriff or probation departments to fund reentry programs that reduce recidivism and probation revocations.
- The proposed legislation expands the definition of recidivism to include locally-sentenced felons and state-sentenced felons.
- The proposed legislation defines an eligible program participant as a convicted misdemeanor, locally-sentenced felon, or state-sentenced felon who will be incarcerated for such a period of time that will allow for completion of the program before release from incarceration or expiration of sentence; provided, that the offender must not be transported to serve their sentence in a state prison in the custody of DOC after successful completion of the program.
- Based on information provided by DOC, any impact resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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